(b) and (c) On the application from Senior Technical Assistant/Q.I./Surveyor etc. the case is pending with the Central Administrative Tribunal, New Delhi and therefore, is *subjudice.*

Production and Import of Sugar

1232. SHRI SHANT1 TYAGI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the carry over stock of sugar of the last season and the estimated production of sugar in the current crushing season; and

(b) whether Government proposes to cut down import of sugar in this year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI DL. BAITHA): (a) The carry over stock of sugar at the beginning of 1988-89 season was about 25.32 lakh tonnes. The present estimates of production during the current season are at about 99.50 lakh tonnes. However, the firm production trend will be known by the end of March/April, 1989.

(b) No imports are envisaged during the current season.

Opening of Branches /Officers of Registrar of Newspapers in all State Capitals

1233. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open branches/offices of Registrar of Newspapers in all State Capitals with full rights;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Due to financial constraints, it has not been found possible to open Offices of Registrar of Newspapers for India in all State Capitals. However, it is proposed to upgrade offices at Bombay, Madras and Calcutta as Regional Offices to look after the needs of the newspapers in the respective Region.

Loans by N.F.D.C. to Private Film Production Companies

1234. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: SHRI HARI SINGH: SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of loans given to private film production companies by N.F.D.C. during the last three years and what are their names alongwith amount advanced to them; how much of it has since been returned and by which company to the N.F.D.C. year-wise; and

(b) what measures have been taken to realise the arrears?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Statement indicating tie loans disbursed by National Film Develo-ment Corporation to private film production companies/individuals under its Film Financing Scheme during the years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 and the amount repaid by them till date are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 66.]

(b) List of measures taken or available to National Film Development Corporation to realise the arrears are indicated in the Statement.